

# 2024 WENTWORTH SHIRE POONCARIE DESERT DASH

# SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS





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Welcome to the 2024 Wentworth Shire Pooncarie Desert Dash, for the first time as the opening round of the Polaris Motorsport Australia Off Road Championship! The Organising Committee and Club members have once again put in an enormous amount of work to give you all the very best event we can.

Following the review and feedback from last year's event, the overwhelming message we received is that the 2023 Wentworth Shire Pooncarie Desert Dash was highly regarded, and competitors particularly appreciated the ongoing consideration we give to making their experience at Pooncarie as enjoyable as possible. So the good news is that armed with that information, we're not changing very much at all this year! The format, course setup, and distance of the event will all be the same as last year, and we've made a few operational "tweaks" behind the scenes which will hopefully assist with the overall running of the race. Beyond that, it will be the same old Pooncarie welcome and hospitality that everyone is used to!

Please take the time to read these regulations, and also the 2024 AORC and Off Road Standing and Technical Regulations. It is a new season, so some things will have changed and we don't want any of you to have any pre event dramas when you arrive at Pooncarie! Note that there will be random Vehicle Extrication checks being conducted by the AORC appointed officials at every AORC Round, so make sure you know what you have to do in advance, and maybe try to get in a few practices beforehand!

I'd like to sincerely thank our "Army" of officials, without whom it would simply not be possible for us to stage this fantastic event for you, but also in particular the Landowners and local community members of Pooncarie for their ongoing support. It's a little town that punches well above its weight when it comes to supporting events like ours, so make sure you leave plenty of dollars at the various businesses before you head home!

For now, get your entries in and show your support for the 2024 Wentworth Shire Pooncarie Desert Dash, and Australian Off Road Racing in general. I look forward to seeing you all on April 19.

Troy Bennett

Clerk of the Course



# ARTICLE 1 EVENT PROGRAM

DATE	ITEM	LOCATION
<b>Upon Publication</b>		
	Supplementary Regulations published	
	Entries open	Motorsport Event Entry
	Media accreditation available	Via application directly to COC
Friday 5/4/24		,
-	Closing date for entries	Motorsport Event Entry
Monday 8/4/24		
	Entry list published	AORC
Friday 19/4/24		
0800hrs	Venue opens	Pooncarie Racecourse
0800hrs	Event HQ opens	Pooncarie Racecourse
0900hrs	Documentation commences	Event HQ
1000hrs	Long Course Reconnaissance opens	Start Line
1100hrs	Documentation concludes	Event HQ
1200hrs	Long Course Reconnaissance closes (Start of Lap)	Event HQ
1300hrs	RallySafe distribution commences	Event HQ
1500hrs	Coomealla Club Show N Shine commences (compulsory)	Pooncarie Racecourse Main Straight
1500hrs	Scrutineering Opens	Pooncarie Racecourse Main Straight
1500hrs	RallySafe distribution concludes	Event HQ
1800hrs	Scrutineering Closes	Pooncarie Racecourse Main Straight
1800hrs	Coomealla Club Show N Shine concludes	Pooncarie Racecourse Main Straight
1800hrs	Event HQ closes	Event HQ
Saturday		
20/4/24		
0800hrs	Event HQ opens	Event HQ
0830hrs	Reconnaissance Prologue – Automobile Line Up	Start Line
0830hrs	RallySafe unit <u>MUST</u> be fitted and switched <u>ON</u>	In Car
0845hrs	Compulsory Crew Briefing – Sign On	Event HQ
0900hrs	Compulsory Crew Briefing	Event HQ
0945hrs	Reconnaissance Prologue Opens	Start Line
1015hrs	Reconnaissance Long Course Closes: Sweep Departs	Start Line
1045hrs	Automobiles line up in Start Order for Prologue	Start Line
1100hrs	Prologue	Prologue Course
1300hrs	Application for Seeding into Section 1 - Close	Event HQ
1400hrs	Automobiles Line Up in Start Order for Section 1	
1430hrs	Event Start - Section 1 (1 Lap)	Full Course
1730hrs	Applications For Seeding into Sunday Start Order - Close	
1800hrs	Section 2 start list published	Official Notice Board / Sportity
1800hrs	Event HQ closes	Event HQ
Sunday 21/4/24		
0700hrs	Event HQ opens	Event HQ
0745hrs	Automobiles Line up in Start Order for Section 2	Start Line
0745hrs	Compulsory Crew Briefing – Sign On	Event HQ
0800hrs	Compulsory Crew Briefing	Event HQ
0830hrs	Event Start – Section 2 (3 Laps of Full Course)	Full Course
TBA	Post event scrutineering commences	
TBA	Ceremony – Podium Presentation	
	Provisional Event results published	Official Notice Board/ Sportity
	Event HQ closes 30 mins after the Provisional Results are Published.	

#### ARTICLE 2 EVENT COMPLIANCE

This Event is to be held under the FIA International Sporting Code, including Appendices, the National Competition Rules (NCR) of Motorsport Australia, including Appendices, the General Conditions for all Titles, the Motorsport Australia Off Road Standing Regulations (ORSR), and the Polaris Motorsport Australia Off Road Championship incorporating Motorsport Australia SXS Championship Sporting Regulations including any Attachments and Addendums, these supplementary regulations and any further Regulations or Bulletins which will be issued by the Organiser or the Stewards.

The number of the Motorsport Australia Permit authorising the event is: 824/2104/02

This Event will be conducted under, and in accordance with Motorsport Australia OH&S, Safety 1<sup>st</sup> Integrity and Legal, and Risk Management Policies, including, but not limited to:

- Occupational Health and Safety Policy
- National Integrity Framework
- Diversity and Inclusion Policy
- Motorsport Australia Safety 1<sup>st</sup> Strategy

The policies and the strategy may be accessed using the following links:

https://motorsport.org.au/regulations/safety-integrity/policies https://motorsport.org.au/regulations/safety-integrity/safety-first

The Organiser and Promoter of the Pooncarie Dessert Dash to take place on 19-21 April 2024, will be the Sunraysia Motorsport Club.

#### ARTICLE 3 GENERAL INFORMATION

Event Enquiries	Troy Bennett	0428 541 809
	Clerk of the Course	
	troy@tbms.net	
Website	https://www.sunraysiamotorsports.com.au/events/	
Correspondence	hhollowayevents@gmail.com	No responsibility will be accepted
		by the Organisers for any
		correspondence sent to any
		other address.
Event Headquarters	Pooncarie Racecourse	0428 541 809
Media Enquiries	Troy Bennett	0428 541 809
	Clerk of the Course	
	troy@tbms.net	
Official Notice Board	The Official notice board will be located at event	
	headquarters.	
	The Sportity system will be used as a trial in 2024	
	with adoption from 2025	



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# ARTICLE 4 OFFICIALS OF THE EVENT

Role	Name	Number
Motorsport Australia		
Chief Steward	Ross Makela	N/A
Steward	TBA via Further Regulations	N/A
Steward	TBA via Further Regulations	N/A
AORC Manager	Adrian Coppin	0415 508 244
AORC Sporting Delegate	Michael Clements	0418 804 105
AORC Course Checker	Campbell Smith	0409 644 345
AORC Safety Delegate	Belinda Howard	N/A
AORC Medical Delegate	Dr Rik Hagen	N/A
AORC Technical Delegate	Fred Severin	0418 850 826
AORC Competition Relations Officer	Michael Clements	
AORC Results Manager	Jeremy Beck	
Event Organising Committee		
Clerk of the Course	Troy Bennett	0428 541 809
Deputy Clerk of the Course	TBA via Further Regulations	
Assistant Clerk of the Course – Incident Response	John Williams	0427 236 446
Assistant Clerk of the Course - Safety	John Hederics	0428 248 657
Assistant Clerk of the Course - Safety	Peter Freckleton	0408 502 921
Secretary of the Event	Hannah Holloway	0423 272 612
Chief Medical Officer	Brenton Chatterton	0408 147 418
Results Manager	TBA via Further Regulations	
Chief Scrutineer	Mark Crosby	0408 212 390
Chief Spectator Marshal	Peter Freckleton	0408 502 921

# ARTICLE 5 EVENT DESCRIPTION

- A) The Event will be known as the Wentworth Shire Pooncarie Desert Dash and will be a National Championship Long Course Off Road Event conducted in the Pooncarie region in the State of New South Wales on Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 April 2024.
- **B)** The Event will be Round 1 of the Polaris Motorsport Australia Off Road Championship and Round 1 of the Polaris SXS Motorsport Australia Championship.
- **C)** The Event will consist of two sections over two days. The Event will start on Saturday 20 April and will be approximately 431.5 km long.

#### ARTICLE 6 EVENT ELIGIBILITY

A) As per the AORC Sporting Regulations.

#### ARTICLE 7 VEHICLE ELIGIBILITY

A) As per the AORC Sporting Regulations.

# ARTICLE 8 COMPETITOR AND CREW ELIGIBILITY

- A) As per the AORC Sporting Regulations.
- **B)** Compulsory crew briefings will be held at 0900 on Saturday 20 April and 0800 on Sunday 21 April adjacent to Event Headquarters at the Pooncarie Racecourse.

# ARTICLE 9 ENTRY FORM, ENTRIES, ENTRY FEE & REFUND POLICY

- A) Entries are to be made via the online entry form available on Motorsport Event Entry. Competitors unable to access the online entry form are to contact the Secretary of the Event. Payment is to be by credit card or bank transfer, as directed on the entry form. Entries will only be accepted when the Competitor, Driver and Navigator have been nominated on the entry form and payment has been made in full.
- B) All entries MUST include a copy of all required documentation i.e. licences (Motorsport Australia and civil), automobile registration papers and club memberships. These can be emailed to the Secretary of the Event via <a href="https://hollowsyevents@gmail.com">hhollowsyevents@gmail.com</a>
- **C)** Entries open upon publication of these Supplementary Regulations.
- **D)** Entries close at 1800hrs on Friday 5 April 2024 for all crews.
- E) The number of entries will be limited to **80**. If this limit is exceeded, preference will be given to higher seeded drivers, and then in order of receipt of completed and paid entry forms. The organisers reserve the right to abandon, cancel or postpone the event as provided for in the NCR of the 2024 Motorsport Australia Manual (or to cancel the event if less than **50** entries are received by the close of entries.
- **F)** The entry fees for the Event are fixed as follows:
  - Polaris Motorsport Australia Off Road Championship \$1650
- **G)** Additional navigators may compete, providing they are properly nominated on the entry form and an additional fee of \$50 is paid.
- **H)** AORC and SXS entries include the AORC promotional Fee of \$95 that the organisers will remit to Motorsport Australia within 7 days of the Event.
- I) The entry fee includes 4x Pit passes (including 2 for the Driver and Navigator), RallySafe Unit hire, Medical services, Motorsport Australia permit fees, AORC Levies, camping at the Pooncarie Racecourse and preparations and repairs to the station tracks used for the conduct of the Event.
- J) Additional pit passes may be purchased for \$40.
- **K)** Entries withdrawn after close of entry but prior to publication of the Entry List for the Event will have their Entry Fee refunded less \$100 (Administration fee).
- L) Any entry withdrawn after the Entry List has been published and prior to Friday 12 April 2024, may be refunded up to 30% of their entry fee. For withdrawals after this date there will be NO REFUND,
- **M)** If the Event is cancelled less than 48 hours prior to the scheduled start of competition for reasons of Force Majeure, the Organisers may retain up to 25% of the Entry fee (as per the NCR).
- **N)** The Organisers reserve the right to refuse an entry in accordance with the provisions of NCR of the Motorsport Australia Manual.

# ARTICLE 10 INSURANCE

- **A)** Certain public, property, professional indemnity, and personal accident insurance is provided by Motorsport Australia.
  - Further details can be found in the Motorsport Australia National Insurance Program Handbook, available at <a href="https://www.motorsport.org.au">www.motorsport.org.au</a>
- **B)** Service vehicles, management vehicles and reconnaissance vehicles, including those bearing special plates issued by the Organisers, are not to be considered as official participants of the event. They are therefore not covered by the insurance policy of the event and will remain the sole responsibility of their owner.

# ARTICLE 11 RUNNING OF THE EVENT

- A) The Event will start from Pooncarie Racecourse, at 1100hrs on 20 April 2024.
- B) The starting system for the event will be in accordance with the AORC Sporting Regulations.
- C) The official time for the event shall be set to Australian Eastern Standard Time.
- **D)** Competition in each section will only be available to an automobile:
  - Having finished the previous section; or
  - Having started, but not necessarily finished, the previous section and has requested to be seeded for the next section.
- **E)** Any crew wishing to start in the next section must advise the Competitor Relations Officer of the intention to restart no later than the time allocated in Article 2 Event Program in the front of these Supplementary Regulations.
- **F)** Course marking shall be in accordance with the standard signs noted in Article 10 of the Motorsport Australia Off Road Standing Regulations. The following additional course marking signs or barriers will be utilised,
- Pre-corner arrows
- Bunting, hi visibility marking paint
- Bollards and Witches Hats

### ARTICLE 12 SCRUTINEERING

- **A)** Prior to starting the Event, each automobile must undergo scrutineering in accordance with the requirements of the AORC Sporting Regulations.
- B) Scrutineering and apparel checks for all automobiles will be held on Friday 19 April 2024 at the Pooncarie Racecourse, between 1500 and 1800. A member of the service crew may present the automobile and apparel for inspection.
- **C)** All signage required by the AORC Sporting Regulations and these Supplementary Regulations must be in place for scrutineering, at which time, scrutineers will check the signage placement.
- **D)** Post event scrutineering will be held at Pooncarie Racecourse. Information regarding post event scrutineering, e.g. route to travel, will be advised by communication to affected teams.
- E) Please Note that there will be random Vehicle Extrication tests conducted as part of Scrutineering, at the discretion of the AORC Technical Delegate and Chief Scrutineer of the event. All competitors will be tested throughout the course of the year.

#### ARTICLE 13 RECONNAISANCE

- **A)** As per the AORC Sporting Regulations.
- **B)** A reconnaissance schedule is shown in Article 2 Event Program.
- C) Reconnaissance of the long course must be conducted in a fully road registered 4WD vehicle, as the course will cross public roads that will not be closed during that time. The speed limit for the reconnaissance lap is strictly 80km/h, and competitors found in breach of this will be referred to the Stewards for penalties. Each occupant of

- a vehicle undertaking reconnaissance must wear a seat belt.
- **D)** Reconnaissance of the Prologue course will be immediately prior to the Prologue being conducted, and competitors must use their competition vehicles for this.

#### ARTICLE 14 PIT AREA AND REFUELLING

- A) As per the AORC Sporting Regulations and Article 11.10 Refuelling of the 2024 Motorsport Australia Off Road Standing Regulations.
- **B)** The Pit Area is located at the Pooncarie Racecourse.
- C) Pit and competing crews must always display their passes on the outside of garments whilst in the pit area.
- **D)** Smoking (which includes e-cigarettes and "vaping") and the consumption of alcohol are not permitted in the pit or welding area.
- E) No unauthorised persons, including persons under the age of 16, are permitted in the pit area.
- **F)** Crew members are always reminded of their responsibility regarding the wearing of passes and of the entry of unauthorised persons into their pit area.
- **G)** Welding may only occur in the area designated for this purpose.
- **H)** The pit and paddock areas will be clearly signed and fenced.
- I) Entry in and out of the pit area must be via the designated entry point/s.
- J) The speed limit in the Pit area is 20 km/h.
- **K)** All refuelling must be conducted in the refuel zone at the Pooncarie Racecourse, adjacent to the Pit area. Crews must ensure they are wearing appropriate apparel for refuelling and have fire extinguishers immediately available.
- L) Smoking (which includes e-cigarettes and "vaping") and any naked flame is prohibited within 10 meters of any refuelling/defueling operation.

# ARTICLE 15 APPLICATION OF REGULATIONS

A) For consistency, the penalties and other sporting regulations in the AORC Sporting Regulations shall apply to all crews entered in the Pooncarie Desert Dash (AORC).

# ARTICLE 16 EMERGENCY PROCEDURES AND RED FLAGS

Crews must make themselves familiar with these emergency procedures. Failure to adhere to these requirements will be reported to the Stewards for consideration of disqualification or other penalty.

#### A) Emergency Procedure

- I. In the case of an accident where urgent medical or fire attention is required, where possible the red "SOS" sign should be immediately displayed to the following cars and to any helicopter attempting to assist. The Crew, if possible, where an electronic tracking/warning system is in use (e.g. RallySafe) should press the "SOS" button, if available. The system will ask "Medical" or "Fire"? The Crew must press one of the buttons to confirm the situation which will advise Event Command so the correct emergency service can be dispatched. This can be done at any time following an accident, even if the "OK" message has been activated. If possible, the Crew should call the Event Command Emergency number and advise of their status.
- II. Any crew which has, the RallySafe red SOS screen displayed, the red "SOS" sign displayed to them, or which sees an automobile which has sustained an accident but is not displaying the green "OK" sign shall immediately and without exception stop to render assistance.
  - a. All following automobiles shall also stop.

- b. The first automobile on the scene shall remain to render assistance.
- c. The second automobile at the scene, if necessary, shall proceed to inform the officials at the next Recovery or Radio point.
- d. Notwithstanding the above, any person with appropriate training should remain on the scene if the situation demands
- e. Subsequent automobiles shall leave a clear route for emergency vehicles and proceed at a reduced speed, to a maximum of 60kp/h, and follow the instructions of any officials or intervention car drivers.
- f. Crews affected by this procedure will be allocated a time according to Article 5.4 of the AORC Sporting and Technical Regulations
- III. In the event of an automobile stopping on the course, or an accident where immediate medical or fire intervention is not required, the "OK" sign must be clearly and actively shown by a Crew member to at least the three following vehicles and to any helicopter attempting at assist. Where an electronic tracking/warning system is in use (e.g. RallySafe) the Crew MUST press the "OK" button within 1 minute of the vehicle stopping, for any reason. Failure to adhere to these requirements will be reported to the Stewards for consideration of disqualification or other penalty.

#### B) Red Flag

In the situation of the event needing to be stopped, for any reason, Check Point officials will wave a red flag and the screen of the RallySafe console will turn red and show the message "RED FLAG". On seeing any of these indications the crew **MUST**:

- I. reduce speed to less than 80km/h for the remainder of the lap, travelling with extreme caution and able to stop immediately if required and/or safely allow emergency response vehicles to overtake; and
- II. Crews must immediately confirm receipt of the electronic red flag by pressing the "ACKNOWLEDGE" button.
- III. Failure to comply with this rule will entail a penalty at the discretion of the Stewards.

### ARTICLE 17 RESULTS AND PROTESTS

- A) Provisional results will be published on the Official Notice Board at Event Headquarters, and on Sportity. Please note that Sportity may not be available in Pooncarie for anyone other than Full service Telstra Network users. These provisional results will become final 30 minutes after publication, subject to no protests being received, no issues are raised out of post event scrutineering and have been approved by the Stewards.
- **B)** Protests must be lodged in accordance with the Motorsport Australia NCR.

#### ARTICLE 18 AWARDS

- A) As per the AORC Sporting Regulations.
- B) There will be a \$500 prize awarded to the Best Presented Vehicle at the Coomealla Club "Show N Shine", which will be judged between 1600 and 1730, Friday 19 April 2024.

#### ARTICLE 19 INTEGRITY

A) Motorsport Australia's National Integrity Framework and any associated policy (including the Australian Anti-Doping Policy. Motorsport Australia's Illicit Drugs in Sport (Safety Testing) Policy, the Motorsport Australia Alcohol Policy), apply to any activity authorised by Motorsport Australia as published at motorsport.org.au. Any Participant including the holder of a Motorsport Australia Licence (or a Licence issued by another ASN) may be tested for the presence of alcohol, any drug or other banned substance. In addition to any penalty imposed by Motorsport Australia, a further penalty/s may be applied by Sport Integrity Australia.

Consumption of alcohol in the Service Park or any section of the competition venue under the

#### control of event officials is forbidden until ALL competition is concluded each day.

#### ARTICLE 20 EVENT SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

#### A) COURSE DETAILS

The Prologue Lap will be 9.5 kms in length. The time allowed to complete the lap will be 30 minutes.

The Full Course Lap will be 105.50kms in length. The time allowed to complete each lap will be as listed below.

Competitors shall complete the Prologue and 1 lap of the Full Course on Saturday 20 April (Section 1 of the Event), and 3 laps of the Full Course on Sunday 21 April (Section 2 of the Event). The format for Section 2 will be 2 laps run continuously, followed by a 45 minute service break, followed by the final lap.

The total time allowed for Section 1 is 120 minutes (2 hours).

The total time allowed for Section 2 (including service break) is 360 minutes. (6 hours)

#### B) UNAUTHORISED TESTING/PRACTICE

Competitors are reminded that it is forbidden to use any part of the Pooncarie Racecourse, adjoining properties (including the Pooncarie common), and any part of the Prologue or Full Course Track for testing, practice, or vehicle "shake down" from Sunday 7 April until the completion of the Event on Sunday 22 April. Any competitor (or crew) found in breach of this will be referred directly to the Stewards, with penalties up to exclusion.

Competitors are also reminded that it is illegal to drive competition vehicles that are unregistered, and do not meet the minimum requirements for Roadworthiness (as set by the NSW Roads and Maritime Service) on public roads at any time in NSW, regardless of the circumstances. Any competitor (or crew) found in breach of this will be referred directly to the Stewards, as well as facing sanctions from NSW Police.

#### C) JUDGES OF FACT

Event Officials, Starter and Timekeepers will be deemed Judges of Fact about whether or not a vehicle follows the prescribed course, relative order, time of arrival, direction of travel, direction of entry into controls, start procedure and jumping the start. Competitors should note that RallySafe is a Judge of Fact in relation to timing, cutting of the course, and failing to reasonably allow competitors to overtake.

#### D) RECOVERY

Recovery vehicles will be provided and managed by the Event Organisers. They will be identified with a vehicle number (ie. R1), and a white flag on the vehicle. Recovery will be conducted during the event, and all efforts will be made (where safe and reasonable) to get competitor vehicles to a location where service crews may collect them. No persons, other than authorized Event officials, are permitted onto the course at any time, without the express permission of the Clerk of the Course.

#### E) SWEEP VEHICLE

A Sweep vehicle will traverse the entire course immediately after the last competing vehicle has commenced their final lap in sections 1 and 2.

#### F) INCIDENT REPORTS

Competitors involved in any form of incident during the event (including damage to property or farm

infrastructure) must fill out and submit an Incident report. Failure to do so may result in competitors being referred to the Event Stewards for further action.

Vehicles which are involved in an accident involving damage shall be re-examined by the Chief Scrutineer or his delegate before being permitted to take further part in the competition.

#### **G) OBSERVED LICENCE TESTS**

Competitors are advised that Observed Licence Tests (OLTs) will NOT be conducted at this event, as there is no provision for such an activity at the venue. Competitors will need to ensure they have the appropriate licence prior to attending the event.

#### H) VENUE INFORMATION

Camping is available for free at the Pooncarie Racecourse, in an area adjacent to the Pits. Camp Fires are permitted in the Camping area, provided they are fully contained, and in a suitable fit pit/drum (ie. not on the ground). No fires are permitted at any time in the Pit area.

Firewood will be available for purchase at the Port Pitstop General Store in Pooncarie. It is forbidden to collect wood from any private properties adjacent to the Racecourse, or indeed the local area. Showers and Toilets are available at the Racecourse, and there will be food vendors selling Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner, as well as Coffee and Cold Drinks. The Bar will also be open, and bags of Ice will be available for purchase.

Dogs are only permitted in the Camping Area, and must be kept on a leash at all times.

The Port Pitstop General Store will have fuel available for Sale (Diesel, 91 Unleaded and 98 Unleaded), as well as food, drinks and basic groceries. The nearest Supermarkets are down in Wentworth or Dareton. For those who don't wish to camp at Pooncarie (there is no accommodation available) the nearest motel is the Coomealla Club Motel (supporters of the event) in Dareton.

For anyone requiring a Vehicle Rental whilst attending the Event, Sixt Car Rentals in Mildura are supporters of the event, and will look after anyone associated with the Pooncarie Desert Dash.